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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD20852

Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to communicate to you that I feel very strongly the terms "irradiation" or irradiated" be used on all irradiated food labels. It is also important to me the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated food also be used in a way that it is easy to recognize. Terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and for that reason should not be used.

The absence of clear and sizable statements would also be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer.

Sincerely,



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